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THREE

by Christopher Vetick

Dissolution of the Virginia Military School League has not brought similar action to Augusta. Instead Major Jim Hogg has brought together a new and explosive team in this the first season without a VMSL tournament.

Toughening the schedule has forced the 1974-1975 team to work harder for the success to which they quickly became accustomed. While retaining the Lynchburg and Madison Colleges Jayvee teams in the schedule, University of Virginia and Bridgewater College Jayvee teams have been added. Dropped from the schedule was arch-rival Staunton Military Academy, which has fielded only a junior varsity team because of de-emphasis on the sport.

Major Hogg said in an interview that this is one of the best teams he has coached in his years of experience. Defense and speed have been the weak points which have been worked on in daily practices. More depth, more height, better shooting, and better rebounding have led the team to a 15-2 record.

Prospects appear good for several of the players receiving support during their college careers. Scouts from throughout the state and area have been attending games to hopefully attract some of the players to join the college ranks.

V's Post 6-4 season

Ignored but not forgotten is Augusta's Jayvee team under the direction of Lt. William Bullock. While attendance at the junior varsity games has been slack, the players, undaunted by the frequent cancellation of the opposition continue to show determination.

After two respectable losses to Staunton Military and Hargrave Military, the junior varsity soundly defeated Massanutten Academy in returning to the winning ways established during the scrimmage season (2-1). Scoring leaders have been Mike Bocock and Jim Mitchell while Andre Allen has proved to be the top rebounder.

Friday February 21 saw a season-ending 70-34 victory over Tandem school of Charlottesville. This victory gave the team a 6-4 record and the first winning season in recent memory. Outstanding players in addition to those already named were Charlie Livick, Thomas White and Larry Nicholson. While losing only one starting player by graduation, prospects for next year look promising.

Going for two, Jim Mitchell keeps the score close in a game against Staunton Military Academy. Although defeated the Augusta Jayvees played very respectable game.



Cheered on by a sportsman-like crowd, Carl Rustin adds insult to injury as Augusta went on to soundly defeat Eastern Mennonite College Jayvees.

With the 1974-1975 basketball season at an end, Augusta has had one of the best records (15-2) the school has seen in a number of years.

As the corps gathered in the gym on 18 February, everyone was in high spirits. Since opponent, Massanutten Academy, had beaten Augusta on their home court, there was great determination to even the score. Team spirit as well as school spirit ran high for the last game of the 1975 season.

Plans for Augusta to host a tournament consisting of Frederick Military Academy, Massanutten Academy and Fork Union Military Academy fell through at the last moment because of a reluctance of Massanutten to enter.

The *Bayonet* wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate all basketball players and coaches Major Jim Hogg and Sgt. Sivert Josephson for an exciting and outstanding season.

FENCING

by Christopher Vetick

Although not well understood by the general public, fencing has remained a major sport through the perseverance of Colonel Paul Hoover.

Unlike its predecessor, dueling, fencing has become an exact and expensive sport. A meet is divided into three areas according to the type of blade used; foil, epee, or saber. In foil and epee events an electrical box is used to register touches. The first opponent to gain the best of five possible touches wins the bout. There are three members of a team in each event and by the end of the meet each fencer has faced each of the opposition in his event.

In saber there is no electrical equipment involved, and the bout is judged by a referee who awards points based on point of impact and fairness of the strike. The upper half of the body is the target area in saber events as in foil events. With an epee blade any part of the body may be touched.

After pre-season practices with University of Virginia and Mary Baldwin College, Col. Hoover felt that his team had the potential for a good season. This has been borne out by a season in which leading fencers have been Brett Thompson in foil, Robert Walker in epee and Luis Iglesias in saber.



MISSION: EXPENSIVE



by David Langley

Only two hundred and twelve cadets! Enrolment is down and with the grueling economy, it looks just as bleak for the next year.

In an interview with Colonel Malcolm H. Livick, the *Bayonet* was advised that AMA is run merely on cadet tuitions. This means that the facilities must run and personnel be paid from the income from some two hundred cadets paying a mere rate of \$2700 per year. It might be added that this rate has not been increased substantially over the past several years. With this meager budget, the administration runs a program which affects the daily lives of many.

As with the national economy, the major increases at Augusta have been in the areas of oil and food items.

Along with the nationwide increase in oil prices, the school took a heating oil hike. In August of 1973 eleven cents a gallon was paid for heating oil. At present the school pays the astronomical rate of thirty-four cents a gallon. This is a 309% increase in the price of a gallon, and it adds up to an increase of \$600 on a load of this necessity.

With sugar paralleling gold on the international market and the highly substantial rise of oil derivatives, including those used in foods, the Mess Hall has been bombarded.

During the 1973-1974 school year the Mess Hall was allocated approximately \$144,000 with which to feed more than two hundred hungry mouths about seven hundred meals each during the school year. This means that each cadet pays about one dollar per meal. This year

alone the overall increase in food prices has been fifteen percent as compared to other years in which the average increase was four to five percent.

It has been said that if a person could read and understand all the graffiti on an AMA desk, a history of the school could be written from this source alone. This habit of writing on desks and other such destructive acts cost some \$14,000 in school year 1973-1974. It would be only guesswork as to what the cost will be this year.

Laundry cleaned last year set the school back another \$13,000. Electricity that precious convenience, cost another \$6,000.

Throughout this economic crisis Colonel Livick has remained optimistic. He told the *Bayonet* that should the country pull out of this crisis the school would become more financially sound after having learned in these hard times how to be less wasteful.

AMA Turns Gourmet

by James Favors

Marquis Services, Inc. through its director, Major George Evans, is placing more emphasis on *Highlight Dinners* this year.

To offer an adventure in gourmet eating every month is the idea for these special meals. Col. M. H. Livick and Marquis Services decided to build up these dinners to the extent as to add atmosphere with all the trimmings. To date the response of the cadet corps has been favorable.

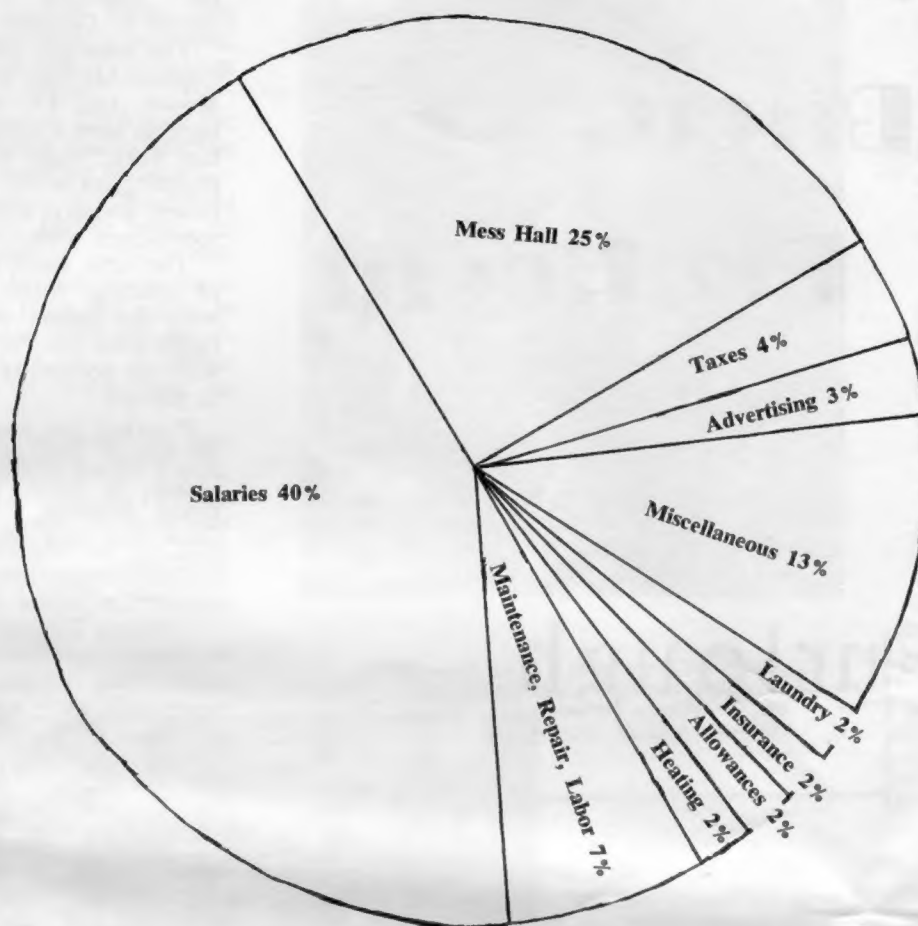
When interviewed Major Evans stated, "We were not too sure, at first, if the extra frills or more exotic dishes would be appreciated." The Cadet Waiters have had a great deal to do with the decorations which have helped lend the proper atmosphere to the theme of the Highlight Dinners. He went on to say, "My staff and I have gotten a lot of personal satisfaction out of putting on these dinners."

Established last year, the Open Door Policy enables cadets to take their suggestions directly to Major Evans. It has continued to be a viable institution. As Major Evans said, "I have never been opposed to suggestions from the corps of cadets and I have incorporated some of these suggestions into the Highlight Dinners." He added that of the three cadet corps with which he has been associated, this year's has been the most constructive, cooperative, and pleasant with which to work.

Through the first semester Highlight Dinners have included a Polynesian Luau followed by Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In January the highlight was an Italian meal consisting of Veal Parmesan, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Pistachio ice cream and prepared by Augusta's own Italian chef, Major Tony Peduto.

Late in March the special meal will be centered around a St. Patrick's Day menu, and once again the monotony and routine will be broken to the delight of all.

Wonder where your money goes ?



Proving the economical use of a limited amount of capital, the above graph shows actual expenditures for the 1973-74 school year. Data for this report was obtained from Col. E. W. Parkins, whom the Bayonet wishes to thank for his assistance.



EDITOR'S NOTE—Because of the state of the economy, everyone has had to make sacrifices. To reflect a financial savings, the *Bayonet* is changing to an eight page 8½ by 11 inch format. The *Bayonet* welcomes all comments and questions concerning the content and layout.

The cover portraying George Washington with a black eye was created by the *Bayonet* staff to point out the roughness of the current economic situation in the United States.



What would Monsieur like? Garçon Ernest Wampler serves Larry Nicholson and guests at the French Candlelight Dinner served in the Mess Hall. Another of the Highlight Dinners, the meal consisted of pork chops, French vegetables, onion soup, and a flambe dessert.

Broadway,

Bijou,

Big Room

After the successful production of Herman Melville's *Billy Budd* last year during the spring, the Augusta Players will return this year with Oliver Goldsmith's late eighteenth century comedy, *She Stoops to Conquer*.

The returning production staff will be Captain Michael Ridge, Captain Robert Moore, and Lt. Kenneth Pfeifer, who hope to have a successful season. "Unlike last year," said Capt. Ridge, "we are planning on a full production with costumes, scenery, and yes, even (hopefully) memorized lines."

The title itself suggests the presence of feminine roles. Sharing the spotlight with the cadets will be several young ladies from the Fort Defiance community with the possibility of Stuart Hall joining in the act.

Practices are now underway for a 20 March production starring Lee Livick as Kate, Frank Harris as young Marlow, Marge Dompe as Constance and Mike Arrington as Hastings.

Frozen Furlough

by Jorge Cordon and Jim Favors

Tired of studying, tired of drill, tired of shining shoes. Break away! Go skiing!

That's exactly what thirty people did for three days beginning on 2 February. The place was Snowshoe Ski Resort in Slatyfork, West Virginia.

Staying at the Catholic Conference Center in Huttonsville, chaperon Lt. Stuart Seaton and the cadets would start their day at 8:00 with a twenty mile bus ride to Snowshoe.

When the group arrived at Snowshoe, they were assigned instructors. Classes were small with the largest class having eight pupils. Most of the cadets were inexperienced on the slopes, but with the help of the instructors, they managed to hit the beginners slopes.

The food was excellent as most commented, and the lodging was well suited to the cadets. Cadets received breakfast and dinner at Snowshoe with lunch being optional. Instruction lasted two hours in the morning, and the afternoon was free.

Lt Seaton commented that everyone was cooperative and that he had no discipline problems. The cadets were well received by the resort as they commented that the cadets were very well behaved for the size of the group. Lt. Seaton felt that this trip was a great moral booster for post-exam apathy.

As the trip came to an end on Wednesday 5 February, the cadets prepared to settle back into the normal routine of school, but staying with them were the many memories of this new experience.



Jean Claude Seaton? Augusta's own ski champion, Lt. Stuart Seaton hits the intermediate slope during the break at Snowshoe. (photo by Zayas)

After their fabulous, frozen furlough, Andy Wilks, David Stokes, Jorge Cordon and Thomas Kelly disappointedly await the arrival of the bus and the trip back to Augusta.



BACK THEN

by George Mineff

Centered around the Old Stone Church is the small hamlet of Fort Defiance, Virginia. The church, completed in 1747, had as its first pastor Rev. John Craig. Born in Northern Ireland, Rev. Craig came to Augusta County in 1740 at the age of thirty-one.

Built originally as a fort against uncommon Indian raids, the church is located on a small knoll. Legend is that women of the congregation transported the sand which was used for the mortar in the original building in bags on horseback from Middle River about four miles

away.

Birthplace of Ida Stover Eisenhower (1862-1946), mother of President Dwight Eisenhower, is another distinction that belongs to Fort Defiance. President Eisenhower visited here in October, 1960 for a tree planting ceremony in front of the little white farm house located near Fort Defiance High School.

Ripley's *Believe It or Not* has also heard of the Fort as the area is commonly called. The "Willow Spout" which is a willow tree which sprouts water from a hole in the tree is located along U. S. 11 near Augusta Military Academy.

Located near the Baltimore and Ohio

Railroad tracks, the original U.S. Post Office for Fort Defiance was built in 1894. It was moved to its present location in 1934. A year later Bellwood Service Station was built near it.

When the valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was built to Staunton in 1874-1875, the third station north of Staunton and one-half mile east of Augusta Church was named Fort Defiance in honor of the old fort. The village has grown very little since that time and according to the latest census has only fifty inhabitants. Fort Defiance is a slow-changing, agricultural community and derives its chief interest from its past.



Sweeperman?

by Greg Economou

Who is this mild-mannered Sweeperman?

Faster than a speeding penalty tour, more powerful than a Model T, able to leap tall piles of dust with a single bound. Look down the hall! It's a broom! It's a mop! No, it's Sweeperman!

Cleverly disguised as Roscoe Ruebush, one of the maintenance men, he has put in fifty years of service to Augusta.

Using the "Mr. Clean" tactics of yesteryear, with trusty sidekicks, broom and dustpan, Roscoe (oops! I mean Sweeperman) wages war against dirt and untidiness on the battleground of Augusta.

From his unknown hideaway about a mile from the field of action, he walks every active school day to Augusta to protect his identity.

Cadets see him everyday, but few realize his importance. The chance for Augusta cadets to have a life, liberty and the pursuit of cleanliness from dirty classrooms depends on him.

While his daily work may be overlooked, Roscoe's contributions will never be forgotten as he is truly a firm part of Augusta's foundation.

The beginnings of Fort Defiance, Augusta Stone Church, stand on a small knoll near the Academy.

SWEEPERMAN IN ACTION. Mild-mannered Roscoe Ruebush fights the never ending battle of dirty classrooms. (Photo by Pope)

Watch out for JV's



Faculty, refs and cheerleaders add to JV's victory. Warming up for the annual faculty-JV game, the faculty starts off in high spirits. Meanwhile back at the bench, Coach Elaine Huffman discusses her worries with referees, Ricky Jones and Carl Rustin. Usually in the center of action, Major James Hogg is glad to watch this game from the sidelines. Making their debut appearance, Augusta cheerleaders Bruce Walling, Barry Tabol, Gary Paazig and Miguel Perez came in time to assure a JV victory, 39-35.



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